



Itty Bitty Coach Pitch League Rules

The purpose of this league is designed as a learning league. To teach all the participants the basic rules of the game, proper technique, fielding positions and sportsmanship.

League Bylaws:

- First 20 minutes will be an instructional period ran by the SS Rec staff, followed by a 1-2 inning game (time depending).
- Home team will take the third base line.
- Only coaches are allowed on the field. **Please no older children on the field to help coach, must be 18 years or older.**
- The umpire has the sole discretion of calling, suspending, or forfeiting a game because of weather, sportsmanship, etc.
- **HECKLING: Heckling by the players or fans will not be tolerated.** The coach of each team is responsible for his/her players and fans conduct. At the discretion of an umpire or field supervisor, they will warn the offending teams coach. A second warning is caused for suspension or forfeit.
- Bases are at 50 ft; pitching mound at 32 ft.

Game:

The Practice/Play Format will be: 55 minutes long with the timer starting at the scheduled time, so please be ready to start at the scheduled time.

Practice/Play Format: First half will be practice; the last half will be the actual game.

- Only 4 players are allowed in the infield addition to the pitcher and catcher. The rest in the outfield beyond the baselines. This teaches the positions better and avoids overcrowding. No player should play the same position more than once in a game.
- Players playing the pitching position must be within the 8 foot circle around the pitcher's mound when the ball is pitched.
- **NO INFIELD FLY RULE IN THIS LEAGUE.**
- Players CAN NOT call time to stop runners from advancing. Time is awarded by the umpire only.
- Players MUST slide at home when being played upon.
- **No stealing in this league.**
- No score will be kept.

- Catchers must wear a mask, chest protector, and shin guards.

Batting:

- 4 good pitches per player: When there is a foul ball on the 4th pitch an additional pitch will be awarded.
- Every player bats: if they come late they may be added to the bottom of the line-up.
- Batter/base runners must wear a helmet. If a helmet falls off, replace it promptly.
- No throwing the bat. Both teams will receive a warning. Any bat thrown after a warning will result in an out.
- When a player gets out, they are encouraged to return to the dugout; they can't keep running the bases. We are not playing three outs, but we do want the players to learn that when they are called out, they must sit down. **PLEASE HANDLE WITH CARE AND POSITIVE COMMENTS.**
- You cannot walk. Teach the players to be aggressive and want to hit the ball; this will advance their skill level for the coming years.

Pitching:

- Coaches/Parents will be the pitcher for their own team batting.
- Coaches are required to pitch within the designated area.
 - Pitch to girls underhand
 - Pitch to boys underhand or overhand

OTHER:

- LIGHTNING/WEATHER ISSUES: When lightning is in 8 miles radius play will be suspended for 30 minutes. Leave and vacate the outdoor activity to a safer location. If lightning occurs at the beginning of the delay, the 30 minutes count will reset. Game can only be suspended for 60 minutes total, or it must be cancelled.
 - If a game is canceled due to inclement weather, games are not guaranteed to be made up.

****To help keep our parks and fields clean we'd appreciate it if you as coaches would help make sure that all wrappers and game treats are thrown away after the games****